

# NEWS

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## On bargaining, AGM and the federal election

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It remains a very busy time for all of us here at MAHCP.

We have, as you know, a number of issues with our bargaining tables. We are preparing for our annual general meeting in October and of course there is some Canadian politics happening now and over the next few months that will have a significant impact on us as health professionals.

There has been a lot of information about the lack of Central Table bargaining as well as the lack of progress at the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities table. By the time you are reading this, I believe you will have heard about our Executive Council's decision to hold strike votes for Central Table members in mid-September. To reiterate, the timing of that was carefully considered in order to provide the maximum impact and support for our bargaining committee. My hope is that CT members will make their voices heard loud and clear via this strike vote. I cannot stress enough the importance of a strong strike mandate, not only for the morale of your committee members, but also as a message to the employer.

Our annual general meeting will be held on October 15 and details can



MAHCP President Bob Moroz walked shoulder-to-shoulder with MGEU members during a rally to improve home care on August 6, 2015

be found on the back page of this edition. While we have a relatively light meeting planned in terms of resolutions, I suspect there will be a lot of members who would like to discuss the bargaining process, or more specifically the lack thereof. I encourage all of our members to try to attend this AGM as it does promise to be a lively affair. Just like last year, we will be encouraging members to rise to the microphones during the new business portion of the agenda and ask questions. And there are always great door prizes!

In terms of the political landscape, I know I don't have to remind anyone reading this article that we are looking at two absolutely critical

elections happening this fall and next spring. I will restate once again that it is not my place to try to influence you on who you should be voting for in either of the elections. What I will continue to do is to urge you to learn about the issues being discussed in the media and ask your local candidates where they stand on those issues. If you don't see an issue being discussed (like health care for example), you have the right to demand those answers from those who seek your support. Above all else, please take the time to cast your ballot. This is certainly looking like the most important elections for this generation of workers in Manitoba and Canada.

I hope to see you all at the AGM in October.

